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FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ FOR AMBASSADOR
MURPHY

1. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO PASS
FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HIM TO AMBASSADOR MURPHY:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR DICK:

I AM CABLING IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF
STEVE SHALOM AND BERT CHABOT TO SYRIA.

THEY WILL BE ARRIVING, AS YOU MAY KNOW, ON PAN AM FLIGHT
110 AT 4:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13, IN DAMASCUS.

THEY ARE EMBARKING ON THIS TRIP PRIMARILY TO INFORM THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SYRIA, AS A RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOP-
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MENTS, OF WHAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY IS
WILLING TO DO FOR THEM IN TERMS OF FACILITATING THE
DEPARTURE OF THOSE UNMARRIED JEWISH GIRLS IN SYRIA WHO
WISH TO COME TO AMERICA.

THEY ARE BOTH HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE SYRIAN
JEWISH COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTRY AND THEY HAVE MY COMPLETE

CONFIDENCE AS WELL.

I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD EXTEND TO THEM THE SAME COURTESIES AND CONSIDERATION YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ON BOTH OF MY TRIPS TO SYRIA. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING THEM ON THE SITUATION AS YOU SEE IT, IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF YOU OR YOUR PEOPLE COULD ARRANGE FOR THEM TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY ONCE THEY ARRIVE. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL, IN THIS REGARD, IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR THEM TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE KEY PEOPLE INVOLVED WITHOUT TOUTAH'S BEING PRESENT SINCE HIS ROLE SEEMS TO BE OPEN TO SOME SUSPICION.

THE FEELING HERE IS THAT WE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP THESE YOUNG GIRLS OUT OF THEIR PRESENT PLIGHT, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW VERY MUCH I AND MY PEOPLE APPRECIATE YOUR UNREMITTING EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF.

SINCERELY, STEPHEN J. SOLARZ
VANCE

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